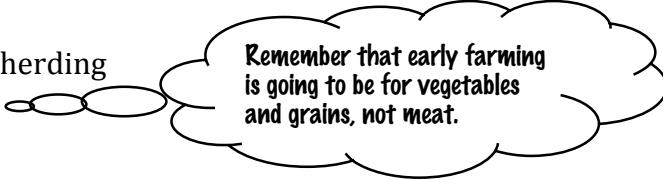


# NEOLITHIC REVOLUTION

DO NOW: Based on the cartoon, what was the Neolithic Revolution? What in the cartoon shows you what changed?

**Neolithic Revolution** – the discovery of farming and herding  
(literally “Neo” = new, “lithic” = stone age)



Remember that early farming is going to be for vegetables and grains, not meat.

What happened after humans learned how to farm and herd? (In other words, what are the effects of the Neolithic Revolution?)

- the first effect was a **surplus** – having extra – of food and time
- settling in permanent villages (no need to chase food supply)
- **domesticate** – selectively breed calm and safe traits – animals
- population growth → plenty of food and people to look after babies
- specialization (people had different jobs) leads to new stuff being made → trade!
- developing government to control all these people
- writing to keep track of trade

REMEMBER...

The Neolithic Revolution transitioned humans from the Paleolithic Era, also known as the Stone Age, to the Neolithic Era. However, Neolithic people who farmed could also still do hunting and gathering. It was not as if people had to make one choice or the other. If people had the skills to farm, they could choose to farm or choose not to farm. Paleolithic people did not have the skills to farm.

BEFORE NEOLITHIC REVOLUTION	AFTER NEOLITHIC REVOLUTION